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EVENT IN THE PARK

“Become Inspired by the Authentic”

Hula Kā'eke'eke (bamboo drums)

February 3, 2012, 10 AM – 2 PM

Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park presents “Become Inspired by the Authentic”, with 93 park events slated for 2012.

On Friday, February 3, 2012, two kumu hula (hula teachers) will inspire visitors with the art of ancient hula with the kā'eke'eke (ka, strike; 'eke, container) or bamboo drums as the featured musical implement. In ancient times, hula was danced for social enjoyment but its chants preserved epic tales, myths, history and philosophy of the native people.

Hula Kā 'eke'eke is a dance with bamboo tubes and is performed either sitting or standing. The kā 'eke'eke are made in varying lengths of 'ohe (bamboo) with the inside nodes removed except the bottom one. The bottom is covered with the woven cushion from the kumu lā'au niu (coconut tree) and fabric, tied with coconut sennit. The kā'eke'eke is played by holding a different length tube in each hand vertically and stamping or tapping on a mat or on the ground to produce two unique tones. Sound resonates from the bottom of the bamboo tube, through the pipe, and out the open top. Pitch varies with the diameter and length (ranging from 20 to 60 inches) of the bamboo tubes, a longer length and wider diameter produces a deeper tone. Typically, each drum is tuned to the voice of the chanter.

This cultural event; sponsored by the County of Hawai'i and the Hawai'i Tourism Authority; provides visitors, local residents and the community a time and place to gather, learn, share and become inspired.

When: Friday, February 3, 2012, 10 AM – 2 PM

Entrance fees are \$5.00 per vehicle or \$3.00 per person for walk-ins.

Where: Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park – south on Highway 11 to mile marker 104, turn right on to Hwy. 160, Ke Ala o Keawe Road, for three miles.

Contact information: Please leave message at (808) 328-2326 x 1702.

Sponsors: County of Hawai'i and Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Nā Hoa Aloha o ka Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau, and Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association